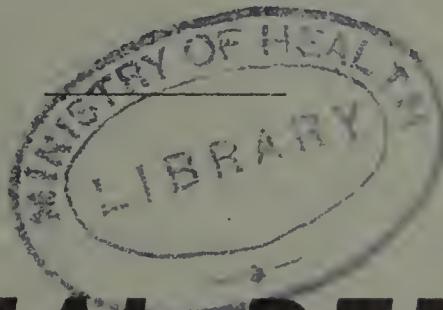




BOROUGH of GODMANCHESTER



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH UPON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS of the DISTRICT DURING YEAR 1953

**TO THE
GODMANCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL**

MADAM MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1953.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. CALDWELL.

Staff

Medical Officer of Health :

M. M. MARKHAM, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.
(Resigned 30th April, 1954)

J. CALDWELL, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S., D.P.H.
(Commenced 14th June, 1954)

Sanitary Inspector :

A. GROVES, M.R.S.I., C.S.I.B.
(Died 12th January, 1954)

C. W. PARCELL, A.R.SAN.I.
(Commenced 12th April, 1954)

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area	4,956 acres
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Estimated Population (Mid 1952)	2,469
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(Mid 1953)	2,413
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Number of Inhabited Houses (end 1953 per	
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Rate Book)	766
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Rateable Value	£11,164
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Value of Penny Rate	£44	8	6
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Vital Statistics

LIVE BIRTHS	M.	F.	Total
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Legitimate	17	20	37	Birth rate per 1,000
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Illegitimate	1	2	3	estimated population	16.6
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Total	18	22	40	(Ditto for England and Wales)	... 15.5
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STILL BIRTHS	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate	—	2	2	Rate per 1,000 Total
Illegitimate	—	—	—	(Live and Still) Births 47.6
Total	—	2	2	(Ditto for England and Wales) 22.4

DEATHS (all ages)	M.	F.	Total	
DEATHS (all ages)	14	15	29	Death rate per 1,000 estimated population 12.0
				(Ditto for England and Wales) 11.4

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate
Illegitimate
Total	—	—	—

DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

All infants per 1,000 live births ...	...	...	...	—
(Ditto for England and Wales)	...	...	...	26.8
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	—	—	—
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	—	—	—

Causes of Death (Registrar-General's List)

List No.	Cause	Male	Female
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	—
3.	Syphilitic	...	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	—
5.	Whooping cough	...	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	—
8.	Measles	...	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	—
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	2
15.	Leukæmia, aleukæmia	...	—
16.	Diabetes	...	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	3

18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	3	1
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	1	1
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	1	1
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	—	1
22.	Influenza	...	...	—	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	1	2
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	—	—
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	—	—	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	—	—	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	—	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	—	—	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	—	—	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	—	—	—
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	—	1	—
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	—	—	—
34.	All other accidents	...	2	—	—
35.	Suicide	...	—	1	—
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	—	—	—
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Totals all causes ...				14	15

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following laboratory facilities have been available to this Authority and to General Practitioners in the Area :—

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road,
Cambridge. Tel. Cambridge 55526.

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.R.I.C.)
Tenison Road, Cambridge. Tel. Cambridge 2097.

(b) AMBULANCE SERVICES.

(i) Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service run in conjunction with the County Fire Service have been available on doctor's orders.
(Tel. Huntingdon 348).

(ii) An ambulance stationed at Huntingdon Isolation Hospital has been available for cases of infectious disease.
(Tel. Huntingdon 59).

(c) HOME NURSING.

A Nurse/Midwife residing in Godmanchester (Tel. Huntingdon 609) employed and supervised by the Huntingdon County Council carried out Home Nursing and attended maternity cases in the Borough.

(d) CLINICS—See over

(i) The following health services are provided by the Huntingdonshire County Council.

Clinics.	Patients Seen.	When Held	Where Held
MINOR AILMENTS.	Schoolchildren.	Every Mon. 9-30 to 10-30 a.m.	Old Grammar School Huntingdon.
INFANT WELFARE	Children (0-5 years)	Every Tues. 2-4 p.m. do.	
DENTAL	Pre-School and Schoolchildren Pre-natal and Nursing Mothers	Every Wed. (except 2nd in month) & every Sat. 10 a.m. - 12 noon (by appointment)	10, Princes Street, Huntingdon
OPTHALMIC	Pre-School and Schoolchildren	1st & 3rd Fridays in the mth. (By appointment except in emergency) 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon 2 to 4 p.m.	Old Grammar School Huntingdon
ORTHOPAEDIC	Pre-School and Schoolchildren	2nd & 4th Tuesdays in month (By appointment) 10 a.m. to 12 noon.	do.

Clinics.	Patients Seen.	When Held	Where Held
(iii) The following Health Services are provided by the Regional Hospital Board.			
CHEST	All ages	Every Thursday 10 a.m. to 12 noon	County Hospital, Huntingdon.
VENERAL DISEASES All cases.			
MALES :	Mondays 5.30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday 5.30 to 7 p.m. FEMALES : Tuesdays 10.30 to 12 noon Thursdays 5.30 to 7 p.m.	Mondays 3 to 7 p.m. Wed. 4 to 6.30 p.m. Tuesdays 10.30 to 12 noon Thursdays 5.30 to 7 p.m.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopædic, Pædiatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynæcological and Dental Out-Patient Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(e) HOSPITAL SERVICES.

Fever. Huntingdon Isolation Hospital provides facilities for the investigation and treatment of infectious diseases.

General Hospital Services are provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases can be admitted to Paxton Park Maternity Home, St. Neots. Admissions are arranged through the County Medical Officer.

CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

					Total Cases Notified
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	2
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	7
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	101
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	11
Puerperal Pyrexia	—
Typhoid Fever	—
Erysipelas	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	3
Chicken Pox	16
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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. (*See next page*).

Facilities for diphtheria immunisation are available at Infant Welfare Clinics, through the School Medical Service, and from General Practitioners.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the number of children immunised was as follows :—

Age at Date of Immunisation	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	Total
Primary Immunisation	4	9	2	—	—	1	—	16
Secondary or Reinforcing Injection	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	4

The following table gives in detail the Diphtheria Immunisation state within the District of children up to the age of 15 years.

Age at 31/12/53 i.e. Born in Year	Under 1 1953	1-4 1952-1949	5-9 1948-1944	10-14 1943-1939	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster)					
A. 1949—1953	—	122	161	136	419
B. 1948 or earlier	—	—	83	78	161

Tuberculosis

Total No. on Register at 31st December, 1953 ... 14

Pulmonary ... 13 Non-Pulmonary ... 1

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...								
10 ...								
15 ...	2							
20 ..	2	1						
25 ...	1	1						
35 ..								
45 ...								
55 ...	1							
65 and upwards								
Total	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Housing

During the year 4 new private houses were occupied. No Council houses were built owing to difficulty with sites and sewerage. There were 176 applicants on the housing list at the end of December, 1953, and the position remains acute.

Water Supply

The mains supply, bulk purchased from Huntingdon Borough, remains satisfactory in quality. The quality is supervised by the producer but a sample taken within the Borough was satisfactory.

In addition to the mains supply there are a number of public and private wells.

	Mains supply direct.	Mains supply standpipes.	Well water
Estimated number of dwellings supplied	478	182	114
Estimated Population supplied	1,500	600	400

The daily average water consumption is 50,756 gallons; approximately 24 gallons per head of the population supplied.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Household refuse is collected weekly and tipped on the Cambridge Road tip.

Sewage Disposal

Crude sewage flows via old trunk sewers to open dykes by which it reaches the river. The dyke has been kept flowing by continual clearing and flushing.

The number of drainage connections to this inadequate system continues to increase. A further 14 water closets have been connected to the system during the year.

Bi-weekly collections of night soil have continued from 325 dwellings. This is disposed of by crude tipping on London Road tip.

Street Cleansing

The cleanliness of streets and highways has been maintained by manual labour, dealing with approximately 3.5 miles of County and 1.5 of Borough roads.

River

The water remains grossly polluted bacteriologically and the Bathing Place is still closed.

The new sluice gates have enabled more efficient control of the river levels to be kept.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Public Health Act, 1936

(a) Number of inspections made during the year (including re-inspections) ...	80
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(b) Number of notices served during the year— 1. Informal	26
2. Statutory	Nil

Result of such notices :—

1. Informal notices complied with	26
2. Statutory notices complied with	Nil

Housing Act, 1936

Number of inspections made during the year	Nil
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Food and Drugs Act, 1938

This Authority's duties under Sections 9—18, 21(2), 31, 37—39 were transferred to Huntingdon County Council on 17th January, 1940.

Factories Act, 1937

1.—Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority :—

Number on Register	5
Inspections	5
Notices	Nil
Complied with	Nil

2.—Factories not included in 1 in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority :—

Number on Register	5
Inspections	5
Notices	Nil
Complied with	Nil

3.—Number of Out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1) (c)

... 55	
Number of cases of default in sending in list ...	Nil

Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Nil
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